Architectural Competition.

Under this head we shall give notices of pending competitions, and shall feel obliged by our friends forwarding us the accounts of what may fall in their way of this character. We shall also be happy to give engravings of the selected designs; and think that, by such publicity, the present very defective system of decision may be amended. Publicity is sometimes a remedy when more direct measures have failed.

KINGSTON UNION.—DESIGNS FOR AN INFIRMARY.—To be sent in by the 6th of March.
NEW CHURCH, TORQUAY.—11th March.
ALMSHOUSES, READING.—8th March.
ALMSHOUSES, RINGWOOD.—1st March.
COUNTY ASYLUM, OXFORD.—16th March.

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

The following contracts are advertised in different papers, and we have kept a register of the particulars of each at the office, which may be referred to on application. In the continuation of this plan, which we flatter ourselves will be of service to our readers, material assistance will be rendered by the forwarding of papers from our country friends, or by any other means of notification of which they may choose to avail themselves.

NEW CHURCH AT HILDENBOROUGH, NEAR TONBRIDGE, KENT.—Tenders to be sent on the 2nd of March. Mr. Ewan Christian, 44 Bloomsbury Square, Architect.

RAILWAY STATION BUILDINGS, AND OTHER WORKS, &c., HENT'S BANK, MANCHESTER.—Plans open from the 19th of February; tenders to be sent in on the 6th of March. Mr. Gonin, Oldham Road, Manchester.

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WEST LONDON RAILWAY.—Contractors to attend at 35, Great George-street, Westminster, at 11 o'clock of the 20th inst. Tenders to be sent in on the 3rd of March.

IRON BRIDGE.—GREAT YARMOUTH.—Engineers, Messrs. Birch, 3, Cannon-row, Westminster. 20th February to the 11th of March.

PUMPS AND WELLS, METROPOLIS ROADS.—Tenders to be sent in on the 22nd inst.

GREENWICH UNION, ADDITIONS.—Mr. R. P. Brown, Architect, Greenwich; time for receiving tenders, Feb. 29.

IRON DWELLING-HOUSE.—A large iron mansion has been built by Mr. W. Laycock, of Old Hall-street, in this town, the invention of a new principle in the application of iron to building purposes. The fabric, which has been made in separate plates, is now erecting for the purpose of public exhibition previous to its transmission to Africa, where it will be used as a palace by one of the native kings. This singular building has three floors, exclusive of an attic. The basement story is 14 feet high; the second, 10 feet; and the third, in which is the grand suite of state apartments, is 12 feet high. In these his sable majesty will give his state audiences. The principal reception-room, the presence chamber, is 50 feet by 30, and ornamented throughout in a style of most gorgous magnificence. To counteract any annoyance from heat, the inventor has contrived the means of admitting a current of air, which can be regulated at pleasure, to pass through an aperture left between the outer plate and inner panel.—*Liverpool Albion.*

The late appointment of Mr. Donaldson, as Professor of Architecture to the London University, Mr. Hosking being previously inducted to the similar appointment of King's College, are significant signs of the times as to the growing importance of architectural practice. Mr. Vignoles is Professor of Engineering at the former institution, Mr. Dyce, is the appointed Professor at King's College of the Arts of Design and Architectural Enrichment, and is also Superintendent of the very important School of Design, founded by Government at Somerset House. It will be our business, as we proceed, to make our readers acquainted with the facilities and advantages offered by these and other institutions and appointments.

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We have had a number of hand bills printed by way of an advertisement of the character and objects of this Magazine. Our friends, and particularly the Workmen, can render us great service in the distribution of them, by posting up in workshops and buildings, as we remember to have seen in our younger days, in respect of subjects in which the Working Builder was interested. It is the more necessary that we should request this aid, when it is considered how totally new a channel of publishing business it is into which we are thrown.

We must beg to refer our readers to much of that which is given in the present number, by way of explanation of our intentions as to the future. It would be an injustice to those who have already read that number to repeat our remarks in this; more than which, we can do better than by mere state exposition. At every point of progress we find new matter of comment, and an extent of working-ground that would be but poorly appreciated if we were to be constantly taking up a preoccupied position. Our forward view abounds in interest, and the diversity of incidents on every side are such as we overpass to record. We shall, therefore, be excused calling attention to our previous number.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

The readers of THE BUILDER *will be pleased to observe, that although it appears in the form of a Magazine, our own mind is and made up as irreconcilable to its continuing in that character, as at any rate in that character alone. We shall look forward with some anxiety to the period when we shall be enabled to make it a complete Weekly Journal, and the comment be done without comprehending news; neither do we think it economy that it should be otherwise—economy of time and economy of means are involved in it, particularly with the workmen. A newspaper is to him a desideratum, and why should he be driven to something like a double reading, and the purchase of two papers, one containing a good deal of matter of no interest in the world to him, when a ready means of combining both is offered as in this instance?*

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Received Mr. Freeman Rose's small tract, entitled "The Common Pump, &c." which, as it may be practically interesting to many, we shall take an early opportunity of transferring from.

Lithographic print of the Wesleyan Theological Institution, Richmond, Andrew Trimen, Esq., architect. We shall notice this structure at an early opportunity.

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